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In response to applicant's inquiry regarding the last Office action, the following corrective action is taken.

A corrected copy of the last Office Action indicating that claims 5-8 are rejected as set forth in the previous rejection is enclosed.

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1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

2. Claims 1-2, 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over DE 19807752 to Harder et al, (equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,432,529). With regard to the new limitations, Harder et al teaches that the polymer may be UV crosslinkable. See col. 3, lines 54-56.

3. Claims 3, 5-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harder et al, DE 19807752 (equivalent to U.S. Patent No. 6,432,529) in view of Harder et al, DE 4313008 (equivalent to Harder et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,613,870), for the reasons set forth in paragraph 4 of the previous action and further in view of Meyer-Roscher et al, U.S. Patent No. 6,242,503. With regard to the new limitation that the composition is crosslinked via UV-A radiation, Harder et al teaches employing UV crosslinkable polymers, but does not specify the use of UV-A radiation. Meyer-Roscher teaches at col. 1, lines 16-37 that UV-A radiation is particularly suitable for forming crosslinked pressure sensitive adhesives. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have employed UV-A radiation as the UV radiation which crosslinks the PSA in Harder, motivated by the expectation that UV-A radiation is taught by Meyer-Roscher as being particularly suitable for forming crosslinked pressure sensitive adhesives.

4. Applicant's arguments filed 4/7/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant argues that the different treatment of the claimed adhesive results in the differences in the properties. However, Harder teaches employing a UV-

crosslinkable polymer. Applicant argues that example 1 in the specification is equivalent to Harder's resin in that it is a conventional acResin. However, Harder teaches that preferred materials include copolymers of (meth)acrylic acid and ester thereof with –25 carbon atoms, maleic, fumaric and/or itaconic acid and/or their esters, substituted (meth)acrylamides, maleic anhydride and other vinyl compounds such as vinyl esters, especially vinyl acetate, vinyl alcohols and/or vinyl ethers, (col. 3, lines 53-63). Therefore what is shown in example 1 is not commensurate in scope with what is taught by Harder. Further, Harder teaches that the preferred compositions preferably contain no volatile residues and have a fogging number of 100 which means that no residues are detectable.

5. Applicant argues that when certain resins are crosslinked by conventional UV-C radiation the amount of volatiles increase, in contrast to the resin shown in Applicant's example 9 which shows low outgassing when crosslinked by UV –A radiation. However, the instant claims recite UV radiation and are not specific as to whether this is UV-A or UV-C. With regard to claim 3, this argument has been considered but is moot in view of the new grounds of rejection. Further, it is noted that Applicant's claims are not limited to the composition shown in example 9.

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Elizabeth M. Cole whose telephone number is (571) 272-1475. The examiner may be reached between 6:30 AM and 6:00 PM Monday through Wednesday, and 6:30 AM and 2 PM on Thursday.

Mr. Terrel Morris, the examiner's supervisor, may be reached at (571) 272-1478.

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